

Throughout the years she served Jack and me on behalf of the men and women of the North Channel area of Houston, Texas, I admired Barbara for her commitment to public service. When Jack represented the North Channel area in Congress in the early 1980s, and I represented the same area in the Texas State Senate, Barbara was the "go to" person in Jack's district office—the one we all contacted for requests, appointments and information. As Jack's district coordinator, Barbara was the best at what she did—keeping the Congressman and his staff on schedule and serving his constituents, often satisfying impossible requests.

But Barbara did far more as Jack's district coordinator.

Barbara served as a "mother" for the 8th Congressional District of Texas. She served as a "mother" to Jack's congressional staffs both in Houston and Washington, DC—offering support and good humor to everyone who served him. I don't think Barbara would object if I suggested that much of that good humor was somewhat ribald or slightly earthy.

Barbara continues to wage a courageous battle against melanoma, and in characteristic fashion, often uses humor to comfort everyone from her doctors to her family. Jack and I continue to marvel at her strength and endurance—as do her many friends, her family members and the staff at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center. Over the last 25 years, Barbara has provided all of us with a shining example of public service and a lesson in how service should be delivered. She never sought recognition for her work, but she earned the admiration of all who were privileged to work alongside her and those she helped through the years. I would ask that you and all of my colleagues remember Barbara in our thoughts and prayers.

Mr. Speaker, if not a Texas native, Barbara certainly is a Texas original—a Long Island native who found her home in Houston, Texas, and who served her community and her fellow citizens with dedication and distinction. Texans have always welcomed such men and women to our state and offered them our love and respect. Texas and our Nation are better as a result of Barbara's service, and I appreciate this opportunity to recognize this unique Texas woman.

TRIBUTE TO SEYMORE SAILES

HON. JIM DAVIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 8, 2006

Mr. DAVIS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Seymore Sailes, a lifelong resident of Manatee County whose sudden passing last week is a tremendous loss to the Palmetto community.

Mr. Sailes was the first African American insurance agent to work in a white-owned agency in the State of Florida. He went on to open his own insurance and bail bonding business, which is now a fixture in the Palmetto community.

However, to the people of Palmetto, Mr. Sailes is better known for his work outside the office. Seymore dedicated his life to bettering his community and improving opportunities for young people. Where there was a need,

Seymore was hard at work, determined to meet that need.

Nowhere is the fruit of his tireless labor more evident than at the Palmetto Youth Center, where Mr. Sailes mentored kids and coached football. Seymore was always convincing local business leaders to support the center's young people by sponsoring events, financing educational scholarships or supporting the center's infrastructure expansion. Thanks to Mr. Sailes and his leadership, Palmetto Youth Center has been able to reach many more young people with a variety of programs and activities, as well as connecting with the entire community through the center's annual Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., banquet and parade.

Outside of the Palmetto Youth Center, Seymore was also active in his church, serving as the chairman of the deacon board at St. John's First Baptist Institutional Church. His many civic activities and his determination in bringing people together to improve the community earned Mr. Sailes numerous awards, as well as the respect and appreciation of the Palmetto community.

Seymore's passing leaves a void in our community's leadership, as well as in our hearts. I would like to extend my appreciation to Mr. Sailes for his service and my deepest sympathy to his family for their loss.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF HARRY LESTER

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 8, 2006

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my dear friend Harry Lester on the occasion of his retirement from the United Steel Workers of America, USWA. Harry and I have fought and won many battles together over the past 50 years on behalf of working men and women. He is an honorable, decent, and hard-working man and I am proud to call him my friend.

As Director of District 2, representing steel workers in Michigan and Wisconsin since its establishment in 1995, Harry has shown commendable leadership and commitment to the community and to our nation's working families. Harry first became active in the Steel Workers at Local 2659 at McLouth Steel in Trenton, Michigan in 1954. In 1969, he was appointed to USWA staff where he later negotiated one of the first cooperative partnerships in the country between Dow Chemical, National Standard, Quanex, and the Detroit Steel Company. Harry was promoted to serve as the director of USWA District 29 from 1981 to 1995 before ascending to the position of Director of the newly formed District 2.

Harry has been very active in the local community throughout his career and currently serves on the board of several education, labor, political and civic organizations. His activities include participation in organizations such as the AFL-CIO, United Foundation, United Way of Michigan, National Kidney Foundation of Michigan, Economic Alliance of Michigan, Greater Detroit Area Health Council and the Michigan Economic and Environmental Roundtable. Harry has proven to be an effective leader in efforts to protect our envi-

ronment and protecting the rights of working men and women across America.

As Harry enters his retirement years, I would like to extend my best wishes for a relaxing and enjoyable journey. I would like to thank him for all of his hard work and dedication to the United Steel Workers of America and to labor efforts over the years. His commitment to improving the quality of life for working families has been an inspiration to me and to everyone that he has touched in his many years of service.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in thanking Harry Lester for his many years of dedicated public service on behalf of both the United Steel Workers of America and the community at large. His heartfelt dedication to the workers of this Nation will not be forgotten.

PRESIDENT BUSH'S FY2007 BUDGET

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 8, 2006

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in opposition to the priorities set forth in the President's Budget which hides the true costs of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, finances tax cuts on the backs of the poor, slashes Medicare and Medicaid, and favors special interests over the interests of the American people.

Before the State of the Union address, I along with several other Members of Congress, sent President Bush a letter asking him to make sure that he tells the American people the truth. During the State of Union, President Bush said that his budget would cut the deficit in half by 2009. Unfortunately, it seems that the President did not read our letter.

The President's budget is misleading in the projected costs of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Since 2001, approximately \$370 billion has been provided to finance the wars and reconstruction efforts in Iraq and Afghanistan. More than \$260 billion of that amount has been funneled into Iraq. In his budget, the President has set aside \$50 billion in 2007 for Iraq and Afghanistan, but has not allotted any money beyond 2007. While I welcome a swift end to the war in Iraq, the assumption that this country will not spend a dime in Iraq and Afghanistan beyond 2007 is farfetched.

The President's budget is misleading in not including the 10 year costs of repairing the Alternative Minimum Tax. While the President has included a 1-year provision to mitigate the AMT's impact on the middle class, it omits the cost of the full repair to the AMT. This cost is projected to increase the deficit by \$844 billion over the next 10 years.

Besides being disingenuous, this budget exacts a financial toll on our nation's disadvantaged citizens while helping to finance billions of dollars in tax cuts to the wealthiest Americans. The cost to make the President's tax cuts permanent is \$1.35 trillion over the next decade. At the same time, the President's budget cuts significant social programs, including cuts in job training, education, food stamps, and environmental protection efforts.

Most alarmingly, this budget would allow the Federal Government to turn its back on those Americans who struggle to maintain their

health. The President's budget cuts Medicaid by \$17.2 billion over 5 years, thereby jeopardizing the care of this country's most vulnerable Americans. The budget also cuts Medicare spending by \$105 billion over the next 10 years, in part by reducing payments for providers. Furthermore, the President's budget proposes real cuts to the National Institute of Health. At a time when we are making significant progress in finding cures to cancer and heart disease, and the threat of serious new diseases such as Avian flu and other pandemics loom, the President is proposing to slow scientific and medical advancement.

The President's budget also fails to reduce the cost of health care or address the rising number of uninsured Americans. At a time when there are already 46 million Americans without any health coverage, this budget is wrong for our country.

This shameful budget rewards well-connected wealthy interests at the expense of the poor. Because the President's budget promotes the wrong priorities for our country, it should be rejected.

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM "BILL"
KORR

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 8, 2006

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, February 7th was a very special day for a fine American who had been very special to me and my family. It is the 90th birthday of William "Bill" Korr, across-the-street neighbor and family friend throughout my childhood.

Bill was born in 1916 in Chicago. His parents, Ben and Ida Korofsky, were immigrants from Russia who arrived in the U.S. via Ellis Island near the turn of the century.

When the stock market collapsed in 1929, knocking his parents out of the real estate business they had built, Bill at age 16 essentially ran a family grocery business on the west side of the city. He graduated from Englewood High School in 1934. He also attended the University of Chicago for 2 years but was forced to leave for financial considerations due to an illness in his immediate family.

Because of health issues he was not accepted into the Armed Forces during the WWII era.

In 1948 Bill cofounded National Hobbymodel Distributors, a wholesale operation servicing independent retail hobby shops nationwide. Most importantly, he was one of the six original founders of the Hobby Industry of America, HIA, known today as the Craft & Hobby Association, CHA, an organization that caters to a multi-billion dollar industry including craft, hobby, floral and scrap-booking products among its mix and whose leadership includes top executives from numerous prestigious and publicly traded companies.

From 1961 to present, Bill was involved as the principle of the William Korr Sales Company, a manufacturer's representative firm specializing in the floral, craft and hobby industries that today has grown to an operation which has three regional offices and accounts for over \$15,000,000 in annual sales. Bill continues to go into the office 4 days a week.

Bill has three sons, Jerold, 60—Sheila, Elliott, 56—Janet, and Bruce, 52—Kimberely. He was married to Florence Tirengel Korr for 54 years before her passing in 1997. He has four granddaughters, Gail, Karen, Linda, & Alexandria, and just recently became a great grandfather when Gail gave birth to Sarah Nicole Atlas on December 5, 2005.

Bill has always been active in his synagogue and community and served as a scout master, long-term board member, and contributor of both funds and wisdom.

He remarried at the ripe old age of 87. His new bride is Sally Wisper Korr.

Golden words of wisdom: "The DJIA will never go above 1,000," "My advice is worth what you're willing to pay for it," "Nixon's the one."

I remember Bill as a kind and gentle man, always nice to all the kids on the block. He lived directly across the street from me on Jarvis Avenue in the unpretentiously middleclass Chicago neighborhood of Rogers Park. It was a tight-knit block on which everybody knew everybody and the families took care of each other. The man I called "Uncle" Bill is a great example of a hardworking, honorable and honest American, loved by his family and community, and I wish him a very happy birthday.

HONORING HOPE MATSUI YASUI
UPON HER RETIREMENT

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 8, 2006

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in tribute to a distinguished woman who has faithfully served the State of California for over 38 years. Hope Matsui Yasui retires this month from the State of California Employment Development Department. As her friends, family and colleagues gather to celebrate her decades of public service, I ask all of my colleagues to join me in saluting this outstanding citizen of Sacramento.

Hope began her career of public service to the State of California in 1962 with the California Department of Transportation, and then in 1967 she continued her career with the State Employment Development Department. The majority of her years of public service were with the State Employment Development Department and the California Governor's Committee on Employment of Peoples with Disabilities.

Hope successfully represented the California Governor's Committee on Employment of Peoples with Disabilities on a major California task force to work with the Social Security Administration to remove employer disincentives against hiring disabled people. While with the Committee, she was also an original co-founder of the California Model Youth Leadership Forum for Students with Disabilities. This well respected youth program led to the establishment of similar programs in over 30 States throughout the country.

Throughout her many years of employment with the State of California, Hope has established herself as an excellent role model through her career of exemplary public and community service. She has developed an impeccable reputation within Sacramento and throughout the State, as she has promoted

employment opportunity for people with disabilities and for all Californians.

As a devoted public servant and community leader, she has shown compassion and understanding for those who are underprivileged in life. Her profound sense of understanding for those less fortunate was developed, in part, as a result of the injustices she faced at birth in a Japanese internment camp in Minidoka, Idaho amidst the turmoil of World War II.

Hope has maintained her commitment to the people of California and has remained dedicated to her family. Therefore, I would like to congratulate Hope Matsui Yasui for her many successes and for her well deserved retirement.

Mr. Speaker, as Hope Matsui Yasui's family, friends and colleagues gather to celebrate her career of service to Sacramento and to the State of California, I am truly privileged to congratulate one of Sacramento's most respectable citizens. The State of California has greatly benefited from having Hope Matsui Yasui's strong leadership and compassionate heart. Her dedication to people with disabilities and to the people of California has lasted a lifetime and has forever improved the lives of Californians with disabilities. I ask all of my colleagues to join with me today in wishing Hope continued success and happiness in all of her future endeavors, wherever her retirement may take her.

THANKING GARY DENICK FOR HIS
SERVICE TO THE HOUSE

HON. VERNON J. EHLERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 8, 2006

Mr. EHLER. Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of his retirement in February 2006, I rise to thank Mr. Gary Denick for 32 years of outstanding service to the United States government, with the majority of it served here in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Gary began his government career in 1972 as a soldier in the U.S. Army after graduating from Miami University of Ohio. He was trained as a television specialist, served a tour of duty in the Republic of Korea and was honorably discharged in 1975. Three years later, in May of 1978, Gary joined the production staff of the House Recording Studio as a camera operator. The next year he was part of the original television crew that made history providing the first floor coverage of House proceedings.

Over the past 28 years Gary has risen through the ranks to become the director of the House Recording Studio. He has led not by authority, but by example. His management philosophy has been, "When you have good people just stand out of their way and let them do their job." Throughout the most difficult times his motto has been, "With faith and confidence things always work out." The House Recording Studio's record of excellent customer service to Members of the House of Representatives reflects Gary Denick's leadership and vision.

On behalf of the entire House community, I extend congratulations to Gary for his many years of dedication and outstanding contributions to the U.S. House of Representatives. We wish him many wonderful years in fulfilling his retirement dreams.